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FOLLOWING REPEAT DAKAR 4244 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO RABAT,
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QUOTE S E C R E T DAKAR 4244

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SUBJECT: SHABA AFRICAN FORCE

REF: (A) STATE 139907 (B) DAKAR 4231

1. FOLLOWING ARE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING
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SENEGALESE PARTICIPATION IN INTER-AFRICAN FORCE FOR
ZAIRE.

2. SAW FRENCH CHARGE MORIZOT THIS MORNING JUST AFTER
HE HAD SEEN PRIME MINISTER ABDOU DIOUF AND SENEGALESE
CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL IDRISSE FALL. PRIME MINISTER
INDICATED CLEARLY SENEGAL'S POLITICAL WILL TO PARTICIPATE

IN INTER-AFRICAN FORCE FOR ZAIRE. HOWEVER, SIZE OF FORCE, TIMING, AND OTHER ELEMENTS PERTAINING TO SENEGALESE PARTICIPATION WERE NOT DEFINED. PRIME MINISTER EXPECTED TO COMMUNICATE DETAILS OF GOS PARTICIPATION AND PLANNING STARTING MONDAY, JUNE 5.

3. FRENCH CHARGE SAID THAT HE ALSO INFORMED PRIME MINISTER THAT GOS SHOULD ADDRESS OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR AIRLIFT ASSISTANCE FOR SENEGALESE FORCES TO USG.

4. FURTHER, ACCORDING TO FRENCH CHARGE, CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL FALL TOLD HIM THAT FOR OPERATIONAL REASONS, GOS WOULD PREFER TO SEND NOT LESS THAN ONE BATTALION (600 PLUS MEN) TO ZAIRE. HOWEVER, IN ORDER FOR THIS TO BE POSSIBLE, GOS WOULD REQUIRE BOTH MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM FRENCH GOVERNMENT.
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